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AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for providing a secure communication network to provide video consultations between a client and a consultant comprising:

providing to the client via said secure communication network at least one web module;

providing one or more encryption keys to the client;

providing to the client a liability limitation module through the at least one web module, wherein a liability limiting agreement is provided to the client by the liability limitation module;

receiving a message from the client via said communication network indicating consent to said agreement and recording the client's assent to the agreement;

providing to the client via said communication network a list of consultants from a consultant database module;

receiving a message from the client via said communication network indicating a choice of consultants;

receiving a message from the choice of consultants consenting to see the client;

providing to the client and the choice of consultants a real-time secure video consultation environment having encryption which utilizes the one or more encryption keys, within which a conference occurs.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, further comprising issuing a digital certificate to the client after the client has logged on to the communication network

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3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 2, further comprising authenticating the digital certificate of the client before allowing the client access to the consulting environment.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating a fee based on service rendered within the secure consultation environment.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more encryption keys comprises an encryption key pair [further comprising recording an archival copy of the conference recorded by the archive module].

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one web page is accessed by a web-enabled device selected from the group consisting of an individual computer, a mobile computer, a personal digital assistant, a hand-held computer, a web-enabled television, a web-enabled interactive kiosks, a web-enabled wireless communications device, a mobile web browsers, or a combination thereof.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for providing a secure communication network to facilitate consultations between a client and a consultant comprising:

at least one web module configured to provide at least one web page;

a certificate module configured to provide a digital certificate having a public key and a private key to the client once said client contacts the at least one web module;

a liability limitation module configured to provide a liability limiting agreement to the client via the at least one web module and to record acceptance of the agreement by the client;

a payment module configured to calculate a fee for services rendered to the client via the at least one web module;

a consultant database module configured to provide a list of consultants to the client, from which the client selects a consultant of choice via the at least one web module; and

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a consultation module configured to provide a real-time secure video communication environment, utilizing the public key and private key for encryption, within which the consultant of choice and the client confer via the at least one web module.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, wherein said certificate module issues a digital certificate to the client after the client has logged on to the secure communication network.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, further comprising a source module configured to supply code to support the consultation module.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, further comprising an archive module configured to preserve a record of the conference between the client and the consultant.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, further comprising an electronic white board module configured to provide communication between the client and the consultant.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, further comprising an electronic note module configured to provide notes between the client and the consultant.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, further comprising an internal communication module configured to provide internal communications between parties.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, further comprising a secretarial module configured to provide secretarial services.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, further comprising an electronic mail module configured to provide electronic mail services.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, further comprising a language translation module configured to provide language translation services.

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17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 7, wherein the at least one web page is accessed by a web-enabled device selected from the group consisting of an individual computer, a mobile computer, a personal digital assistant, a hand-held computer, a web-enabled television, a web-enabled interactive kiosks, a web-enabled wireless communications device, a mobile web browsers, or a combination thereof.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1, wherein the client accesses the consultation environment via a virtual private network.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 1 further comprising scheduling a time for the client and the consultant to enter the consultation environment.

20. (NEW) The system of claim 7 further comprising a scheduling mechanism configured to display to the client the various time slots that are currently available for the consultant of choice, allow the client to select an available time slot, inform the consultant of choice that the client has selected a specific time slot, make the time slot that was selected unavailable to future clients